through the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Goverments procurement agencies. Since KMS 2005-06, on a pilot basis, with a view to make the MSP operations more effective and to increase foodgrains procurement, one private sector company viz. National Collateral Management Services Limited (NCMSL) has been engaged by FCI to procure foodgrains on its behalf.

As regards involvement of private sector in storage of foodgrains, it is submitted that to introduce modern technology, the Govt. had approved the National Policy on Bulk Handling, Storage & Transportation of Foodgrains in June, 2000. Under this Policy, private sector participation has been invited on Build-own-operate (BOO) basis for 5.50 lakh MTs. M/s Adani Exports Ltd. has been notified as the successful bidder and Service Agreement has been executed between FCI and M/s Adani Agri Logistics Ltd. on 28.6.2005.

Special Securities to FCI

3688. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to provide special totalling about Rs. 16,000 crores to the Food Corporation of India for the grain supplied by it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that above securities would take care of its accumulated outstandings; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) The Government has decided to issue Special Securities to the extent of Rs. 16,200 crore towards the partial settlement of the outstanding dues of the Food Corporation of India till 30.4.2005 in respect of foodgrains supplied to the Ministry of Rural Development for distribution under Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), Special Component of SGRY and National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP).